

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 have been examined in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1-10 are canceled and claims 11-12 and 17 are amended, leaving claims 11-18 presently pending.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 11-16 are allowed, and that claims 17 and 18 are allowable.

In paragraphs 4 and 7-8 of the Office Action, claims 1-10, 12, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In paragraphs 4-6 of the Office Action, claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as indefinite for reciting the term "more lyophobic." Applicant has canceled claims 1-10 and amended claims 12 and 17 as suggested by the Examiner so that claims 12, 17 and 18 meet all § 112 requirements, and therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of these rejections.

In paragraphs 9-14 of the Office Action, claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,274,016 (Iida et al.). To expedite prosecution, Applicant has canceled claims 1-10 without prejudice.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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